THE MATADARS ACT, 1887 (BOM. VI OF 1887).

G. N., R. D., No. 8511, dated 31st August 1909 (B. G., Pt. I, p. 1625). **S. 1.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Matadars Act, 1887 (Bom. VI of 1887), the Governor in Council is pleased to extend the provisions of the said Act to the following Mewasi villages in the Kalol Taluka of the Panch Mahals District :—

1. Khanpur.
2. Ambalanu Muvadu.
3. Royan.
4. Paruna.
5. Junu Muvadu Bhukhi.
6. Mokal.
7. Bhelidra.
8. Chalali.
9. Kanod.
10. Vyasda.
11. Rinchhia.
12. Gajapura.
13. Fansi.
14. Bodidra.
15. Adadra.
16. Bedia.
17. Bhadroli Khurad.
18. Karoli.
19. Naran Paginu Muvadu.
20. Pingli.
21. Vintoj.

G. N., R. D., No. 1339, dated 27th February 1888. **S. 18.**

In exercise of the power conferred by section 18 of the Matadars Act, No. VI of 1887, published at pages 1–11 of the *Bombay Government Gazette* of the 30th January 1888, Part IV, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules :—

1. On, or in anticipation of, the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Patel in any village to which section 15 of the above Act applies, the Collector, or with his sanction, an Assistant or Deputy Collector, shall issue a notice in the form hereto appended to all the Matadars of the village, fixing a date and place for the election of a Patel.

2. The date fixed for the election shall not be less than 14 days from the date of notice.

3. The notice shall be endorsed by all the Matadars of the village, or by as many of them as can be found, and a copy shall be posted at the Chowra or at some other conspicuous place in the village. The original notice endorsed by the Matadars shall be returned to the officer issuing it before the date fixed for the election.

4. Only females shall be allowed to vote by proxy, such proxy being on paper bearing one Rupee stamp and duly attested.

5. Each voter shall, in the presence of the presiding officer, write or cause to be written the name of his or her nominee on a piece of paper which shall be signed by the voter.

6. No elector shall vote for more than one person, provided that an elector who is the guardian of a minor Matadar of the village, shall have two votes on each question.

7. An election fails,—

(1) if a majority of the Matadars do not attend in person (or in case of females, by proxy) ;

(2) if no person eligible under the Act obtains the votes of more than half the total number of Matadars of the village ;

(3) if the person elected is unfit or disqualified, or within 14 days declines, or fails to accept, the appointment.

8. If a majority of the total number of Matadars then and there agree upon the term, exceeding five years, during which their nominee is to serve, he shall be appointed for such term. Failing such agreement the term shall be five years (section 24).

9. When an election fails, the presiding officer shall call on the representative Matadar of the family, whose turn it is to officiate, to serve in person or by deputy.

Form of Notice referred to in Rule 1.

WHEREAS a (Revenue and Police) Patel has to be appointed for the village of in the more Taluka of the District, from the day of 19 , notice is hereby given to the undermentioned Matadars of the said village to appear at on the day of 19 , at o'clock in the office of the Collector of , there to elect a member of the family of Matadar, to serve in the abovementioned office for such term, not less than five years, as the Matadars may, on the date abovementioned, agree to fix :—

Matadars.

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2. The abovementioned Matadars are also hereby informed that unless at least of them agree before me, on the date above specified, in nominating a qualified member of the family abovementioned the representative Matadar whose term has arrived will be appointed.

Date of issue.

Collector.